



**IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**APPLICANTS:** Prevost et al.

**EXAMINER:** Marx, Irene

**ART UNIT:** 1651

**SERIAL NO.:** 10/710,125

**ATTY REF. NO.** 8482.012

**TITLE:** Ethanol Production Process Utilizing  
Secondary Treatment Agents to Produce  
Value Added By-Products.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Applicants would first like to thank Examiner Marx for the October 31, 2007 interview. In that interview Examiner Marx indicated that the previous Response to the June 7, 2007 Final Office Action would not be entered, but suggested that a Request for Continued Examination be filed and that certain of the functional language in the claims be amended to be more specific. Accordingly applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination and have submitted in this Preliminary Amendment new claims that are believed to overcome any objections to their specificity.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Cancel without prejudice claims 1-3.

Please add new claims 6-8 set forth below in the Listing of Claims.